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SUBJECT: SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON ENTEBBE EVENTS: SWEDISH
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1. IN ABSENCE OF BRITISH AMBASSADOR, WHO IS CURRENTLY IN LONDON, I CALLED BRITISH CHARGE AND WE AGREED THAT I SHOULD TAKE LEAD WITH GOS IN SEEKING SWEDISH SUPPORT FOR JOINT U.S.-U.K. RESOLUTION. ACCORDINGLY, I CALLED THIS MORNING ON MFA DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS LEIFLAND (HIGHEST MFA CAREER OFFICIAL PRESENTLY ON DUTY) TO FORMALLY ASK GOS SUPPORT FOR RESOLUTION. I MADE POINTS CONTAINED IN REFTEL, AND ALSO DREW ON ARGUMENTS CONTAINED IN PREVIOUS MESSAGES.

2. FOLLOWING MY PRESENTATION, LEIFLAND, READING FROM PREPARED NOTES, REPLIED THAT "THERE ARE ELEMENTS IN U.S.-U.K. DRAFT WHICH CORRESPOND TO OUR PHILOSOPHY AND POSITION." HE SAID GOS SHARES U.S. ABHORRENCE OF TERRORISM, AND FULLY SUPPORTS MEASURES TO ASSURE SAFETY OF INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION. HOWEVER, ALTHOUGH GOS SHARES MOST OF THINKING CONTAINED IN RESOLUTION, THE LACK OF ANY SPECIFIC MENTION OF ISRAELI RESCUE OPERATION CAUSES PROBLEM FOR GOS, WHICH WOULD LIKE TO SEE SOMEWHAT STRONGER LANGUAGE IN PARAGRAPH THREE OF RESOLUTION.

3. CONTINUING, LEIFLAND SAID GOS HAS BEEN STUDYING CAREFULLY THE LEGAL ASPECTS RAISED BY ISRAELI RESCUE OPERATION, AND BELIEVES THAT ACTION WAS AT VARIANCE WITH U.N. CHARTER PROHIBITION OF USE OF FORCE AGAINST MEMBER STATE. I POINTED OUT THAT A STATE HAS THE RIGHT, UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW, TO TAKE NECESSARY MEASURES (INCLUDING THE USE OF FORCE) TO PROTECT ITS OWN NATIONALS WHEN THE STATE IN WHOSE TERRITORY THEY ARE LOCATED IS UNABLE OR UNWILLING TO PROTECT THE THREATENED NATIONALS FROM INJURY. IN THE PRESENT CASE, I SAID ISRAEL HAD VERY REASON TO BELIEVE ITS NATIONALS WERE IN IMMINENT DANGER OF EXECUTION AND THAT UGANDA HAD NOT RPT NOT TAKEN MEASURES TO PROTECT THEM.

4. LEIFLAND DID NOT DISAGREE, BUT SAID SWEDEN, AS A SMALL NATION, IS PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE TO EMPLOYMENT BY ONE NATION OF FORCE AGAINST ANOTHER EXCEPT UNDER

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THE TWO PROVISIONS IN THE UN CHARTER. PERMITTING SUCH ACTION I.E., IN THE CASE OF SELF DEFENSE OR IN CARRYING OUT UNSC SANCTIONS. SINCE NEITHER OF THESE TWO PROVISIONS WERE APPLICABLE IN THE PRESENT CASE, GOS COULD NOT RPT NOT COSPONSOR U.S.-U.K. RESOLUTION. I REPLIED THAT WE WERE SEEKING GOS SUPPORT FOR JOINT RESOLUTION RATHER THAN COSPONSORSHIP AND ASKED IF TOS WOULD GIVE ITS SUPPORT. LEIFLAND DECLINED TO

GIVE CATEGORIC ANSWER, BUT SMILINGLY OBSERVED THAT WE SHOULD "DRAW THE RIGHT CONCLUSIONS" FROM HIS EARLIER COMMENTS THAT GOS SHARES MOST OF PHILOSOPHY OF OUR RESOLUTION. HE ADDED THAT GOS WOULD WISH TO SEE RESOLUTION IN ITS FINAL FORM BEFORE MAKING DEFINITE DECISION.

5. COMMENT: I AM MODERATELY ENCOURAGED BY LEIFLAND'S REACTION. FROM THIS MEETING AS WELL AS EARLIER CONVERSATIONS MEMBERS OF MY STAFF AND I HAVE HAD WITH HIM, HE APPEARS IN PRINCIPLE FAVORABLY DISPOSED TOWARDS U.S.-U.K. RESOLUTION AND SEEMS PREPARED TO TRY TO PERSUADE PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER (BOTH OF WHOM ARE ON VACATION) TO GO ALONG WITH IT.

6. AT LEIFLAND'S SUGGESTION, I AGREED TO CALL AGAIN THIS AFTERNOON ON LABOR MINISTER INGEMUND BENGTTSSON (WHO IS ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER) TO REINFORCE OUR REQUEST FOR GOS SUPPORT FOR RESOLUTION. LEIFLAND THOUGHT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO OUR POSITION TO PRESENT ARGUMENTS TO BENGTTSSON, AND I AM INCLINED TO AGREE THAT IT WILL DEMONSTRATE TO GOS THE IMPORTANCE WE GIVE TO THIS ISSUE. IN ADDITION, BRITISH CHARGE WILL BE MAKING SIMILAR CALL ON LEIFLAND TO ENCOURAGE GOS TO SUPPORT JOINT RESOLUTION.
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